U. S. EPA, Region 6

Memo

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From:

Courtney Kudla, Enforcement Officer

Date:

April 18, 2005

Re:

Greens Bayou Phone Conversation with Mr. Robert Musick

While discussing the site with Mr. David Davis and Mr. David Hastings of TCEQ on April 14, 2005, they mentioned having Mr. Robert Musick contact me with a site up-date on Greens Bayou. Mr. Musick called me today to discuss the Greens Bayou site.

He stated a binding agreement was signed between Port of Houston Authority (PHA) and GB Bioscience on December 19, 2003. Currently, Mr. Musick stated that GB Bioscience was being cooperative. GB Bioscience is conducting an investigation of the site. TCEQ has a draft of GB Biosciences Removal Action Plan, but it will not be reviewed until the investigation is completed. An ecological risk assessment is being conducted at the site. GB Bioscience (GB) is known to have contributed DDT, DDE, DDD, and arsenic to the site. Fifty-six other constituents of concern are present on the site that GB may not be liable for contributing. The extent of contamination by all sixty constituents is being investigated and assessed on ecological levels of toxicity by GB. The PHA owns the property and cleaned out the dredged port. The response action plan must follow Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. At the current time, GB is being cooperative with TCEQ and PHA in discussing issues regarding the risks the hazardous materials pose at the site. GB has submitted a baseline risk assessment draft report for Greens Bayou. The ground water is being pumped and treated. The hazardous soils and materials are being removed from the site and capped. The landfills on the site are being closed, capped, and vegetated.

I let him know that I would contact him occasionally to get up-dates. For further up-dates on Greens Bayou, contact Robert Musick at 512.239.2243.

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